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SUBJECT: CONTACTS WITH OFFICIALS OF ARAB GOVERNMENTS

SUMMARY: EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT' S GUIDANCE ON
INVITING ARAB AMBASSADORS TO JULY 4 RECEPTION. END
SUMMARY.

1. EMBASSY IS CURRENTLY ASSEMBLING GUEST LIST FOR
AMBASSADOR' S INDEPENDENCE DAY RECEPTION. IN PAST,
EMBASSY HAS INVITED FROM DIPLOMATIC CORPS ONLY RESIDENT
AMBASSADORS FROM THOSE COUNTRIES WITH WHICH US HAS FULL-
SCALE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. THIS RULE WILL NOT BE
STRICTLY OBSERVED THIS YEAR SINCE, AS INSTRUCTED
(DEPARTMENT' S A-3 909 OF MAY 5, 1973) , EMBASSY WILL
INVITE AMBASSADOR OF PEOPLE' S REPUBLIC OF CHINA. GIVEN
THIS MODIFICATION OF PAST PRACTICE, EMBASSY WOULD SEE
SOME ADVANTAGE IN ALSO INVITING AMBASSADORS FROM THOSE
COUNTRIES (ALL ARAB) WHERE US MAINTAINS INTERESTS SECTIONS
(AS OPPOSED TO BEING REPRESENTED ONLY BY THIRD POWER).
IN CASE OF TOKYO, THIS WOULD MEAN INVITING AMBASSADORS OF
EGYPT, ALGERIA AND IRAQ.

2. RATIONALE FOR INVITING AMBASSADORS OF EGYPT, ALGERIA
AND IRAQ WOULD BE TO DEMONSTRATE THAT WE ARE NOT HOSTILE
TO ARAB STATES PER SE. WE ARE NOT CONCERNED ABOUT MAKING
THIS POINT TO ARABS (WHAT HAPPENS IN TOKYO IS OBVIOUSLY
MARGINAL IN THIS RESPECT) BUT TO GOJ, PARTICULARLY
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BECAUSE OUR MIDDLE EAST POLICY AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR
WORLD ENERGY PROBLEMS ARE MATTERS OF CONSUMING INTEREST
TO GOV AT THIS TIME. SOME JAPANESE (INCLUDING GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS) ARE INCLINED TO CONSIDER USG AS CATEGORICALLY
PRO- ISRAEL AND ANTI- ARAB. WE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE CLEAR
TO HIGH- RANKING GOV OFFICIALS WHO ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND
JULY 4 RECEPTION THAT USG ALSO HAS LIWORKING RELATIONS WITH
ARAB GOVERNMENTS. NB: EMBASSY WILL IN ANY CASE BE IN-
VITING AMBASSADORS OF LIBYA AND LEBANON, SINCE THOSE
COUNTRIES HAVE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH US.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT' S GUIDANCE ON WHETHER
AMBASSADORS FROM COUNTRIES WHERE USG MAINTAINS INTERESTS
SECTIONS MAY BE INCLUDED IN JULY 4 RECEPTION.
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